

III. EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

- B. The research effort will develop, demonstrate, or help to commercialize new or improved technologies.
- C. The research will advance scientific knowledge upon which new technologies, services, products, or policies can be developed.
- D. The research will focus on science or technology that would otherwise not be developed during the desired timeframe for the intended application.
- E. The research will address a public need for which there is insufficient research activity in competitive and regulated markets.

6. Target Areas Addressed Screening

The proposed program must specifically address one or more of the target areas identified in this RFP, **Attachment 12**. The proposal must specifically address how the marketplace will be able to use the results of the research.

7. Single Proposal and No Multiple Submissions of Projects Screening

~~Each Bidder~~An individual (Bidder) can only submit one Proposal in response to this RFP. Bidders that submit more than one Proposal will have **all** of their Proposals screened out and eliminated from further consideration.

~~A Business Entity~~An organization cannot submit the same research Project in multiple proposals. If the same research Project by the same organization appears in multiple Proposals, the Project will be eliminated from all Proposals. An organization can participate as a subcontractor under multiple proposals as long as it is for different projects. ~~may participate as a subcontractor in any number of Proposals in response to this RFP as long as the subcontractor's role in each Proposal involves a different research Project. Similarly, an entity may also appear as prime contractor on one Proposal and as a subcontractor on another proposal. If the same research Project by the same entity appears in multiple proposals, the Project will be eliminated from all Proposals and not be part of any funded Agreement awarded under this RFP.~~ Attachment 15 outlines Examples of Acceptable and Unacceptable Bidding for this Screening.

8. Impacts and Benefits for California Screening

The Project Proposal must provide clearly identified benefits to California's electricity or natural gas ratepayers. The proposal must contain a clear and understandable description and estimate of public benefits that the Bidder anticipates will result from the proposed program. The proposal must provide quantitative baseline conditions and expected market impacts for each Project included in the program. Calculations must be based on data from Tables in RFP Attachment 13 or the Commercial End Use Survey (CEUS) database.

9. Program-Level Screening

Integrated Program Proposal – Research Project Linkages

Each Proposal must include a Program Director and a set of linked (i.e. integrated) research projects addressing a common Research Topic (refer to Attachment 12 for topic list discussion). Individual proposals that request funding for single projects are not eligible for this solicitation, and will be rejected from further evaluation. The Energy Commission and its staff reserve the unfettered discretion to determine whether a proposal is for a "program" (and therefore eligible for this solicitation) or a "project" (and therefore not eligible for this solicitation). See Section VI *Key Words and Their Definitions* for a list of definitions.